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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 123

22 January 1952

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Egbert	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lieut. Jones	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
Major Hession	Air Force
25X1A9a	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. The Vice-Chairman noted that only 25% of the production commitments for January had been met during the first three weeks of the month. He expressed concern over this low production since the revised production schedule which went into effect on 1 January 1952 was supposed to be in line with agency capabilities. In a general discussion of the production situation it was brought out that this low production was due chiefly to delays encountered in the final review and reproduction of NIS materials. The members indicated that there should be considerable improvement in production during the coming week, but it appears that NIS production for January will fall far short of the goal set in the revised schedule.

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25X1A6a The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that [redacted] had requested [redacted] to ascertain whether or not arrangements could be made for [redacted] to have access to the NIS Gazetteers. [redacted] is a private organization sponsored by [redacted] but supported in part by [redacted] and various other governmental organizations, [redacted] for whom it does the same type of work that the D.G.N. does for U.S. Intelligence Agencies. The Vice-Chairman mentioned that [redacted] transliteration system had been used in large part in the preparation of the NIS Gazetteers for the Arabic countries. [redacted] is now receiving the NIS Gazetteers, but can not release them to a private organization because of the restriction [redacted] use of the Gazetteers contained in a letter from CIA [redacted] dated 3 May 1949, which is as follows:

"Since we are classifying the Gazetteers RESTRICTED and confining dissemination of them to our Intelligence (Defense) Agencies, it will be necessary to ask you to observe similar restrictions in your use of them".

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After discussion it was decided to defer final action in the matter until the Committee members had determined the views of their respective agencies relative to making the Gazetteers available [REDACTED] 25X1X7□  
The matter will be reopened for discussion at a later meeting.

4. The Committee 25X6A approved the proposal made by the Army member that, in the production of [REDACTED] be treated as separate area studies for those chapters where such treatment seems warranted by the intelligence elements covered, 25X6A and that these chapters be separately processed and bear the designations [REDACTED] 25X6A  
(Refer to paragraph 6, NIS Committee Meeting No. 121, and paragraph 4, NIS Committee Meeting No. 122).

5. The Vice-Chairman reported on his meeting with the Chairman of the Petroleum Subcommittee of the EIC relative to the question raised by this Subcommittee as to the advisability of producing Supplement V (Petroleum) for NIS 26 (USSR) at this time. (Refer to paragraph 2, NIS Committee Meeting No. 120, and paragraph 3, NIS Committee Meeting No. 122). He stated that a full discussion of the facts bearing upon the matter had resulted in a satisfactory understanding, and that the Bureau of Mines was proceeding with the production of the supplement concerned.

6. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman. 25X1A9a  
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